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Applicant: Minoru Usui et al.

Art Unit: 2861

Application No.: 10/044,281

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a.

The cited references were called to Applicants attention in a Notice of Reason for Rejection mailed on November 29, 2000, a Decision of Refusal mailed on June 7, 2000, and a Notice of Reason for Rejection mailed on March 15, 2000, all in Japanese Patent Application No. JP-A-132747/1999,

It should be noted that the two cited references discussed in these communications, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Appln. Nos. 10-119314 and 10-58696, already are of record in this case, and so have not been cited again. Applicants have provided the Examiner with the three official communications mentioning these references because it may be of interest to the Examiner to see how this art was treated in another case.

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Supplemental Information Disclosure  
Statement dated June 30, 2003

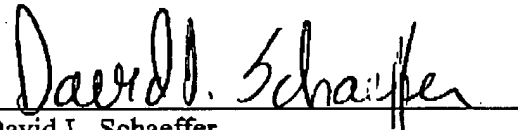
The Examiner is respectfully requested to confirm that these documents have been considered by returning to Applicants' undersigned attorney a copy of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08b).

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first Office Action, and so is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due. If, however, the Commissioner determines otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee, as well as any other fee which may now or hereafter be due, to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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